

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2013-452-E - ORDER NO. 2014-119
JANUARY 16, 2014

IN RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company –) DECLARATORY ORDER
Request for “Like Facility” Determinations) ON STATUS OF
Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-110(1)) TRANSMISSION LINES

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the December 11, 2013, letter of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G” or “the Company”) requesting that this Commission declare the status of the relocated portion of the Williams-Faber Place 230 kV Line to be “the replacement of an existing facility with a like facility” under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-110(1) (1976), and that it does not constitute “construction of a major utility facility” under the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act, for which certification would be required. We grant the requested relief.

The existing Williams-Faber Place 230 kV Line is used by SCE&G to transmit electricity generated at Williams Station on Bushy Park in Berkeley County to the Company's Faber Place Substation in Charleston County. The line was constructed in 1969. SCE&G plans to replace an approximately 0.5-mile section of the Williams-Faber Place 230 kV Line between Williams Station and the Goose Creek 230/115 kV Substation. The section to be replaced is located on the North Pointe Business Campus

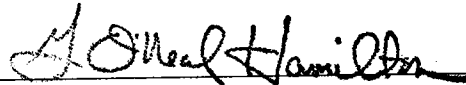
owned by MeadWestvaco and shares a 140-foot right-of-way with the Williams-Goose Creek 115 kV Line. At present, the section of the Williams-Faber Place 230 kV Line to be replaced is located on wooden H-frame structures, and the Williams-Goose Creek 115 kV Line is located on a single pole, single circuit structure.

MeadWestvaco, an SCE&G customer, desires to build a new industrial warehouse facility on its North Pointe Business Campus, which would encroach on SCE&G's 140-foot right-of-way, in which the Williams-Faber Place 230 kV Line and the Williams-Goose Creek 115 kV Line presently reside.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-110(1) (1976) states in part: “The replacement of an existing facility with a like facility, as determined by the Commission, shall not constitute construction of a major utility facility.” Construction of “major utility facilities” requires certification by this Commission. The Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) has reviewed SCE&G’s request and has filed comments. ORS has no objection to the designation of the project as a “replacement of an existing facility with a like facility” not requiring the issuance of a certificate. We have examined the descriptions of the planned replacement project furnished by the Company, and have concluded that it constitutes “the replacement of an existing facility with a like facility,” and therefore does not require certification. We therefore grant the requested relief.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:


Nikiya Hall, Vice Chairman

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